

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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Q3  
Page 2, after line 6, insert the heading ~~Summary of the Invention--~~.

Q4  
Page 2, paragraph beginning at line 11, please amend to read as follows:

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According to the invention, this object is achieved by a method wherein the data sink reports to the data source on a status of the communications network in its neighborhood, and no intermediate network node reports to the data source on the network status of the communications network. The object of the invention is further attained by a communications network wherein the data sink is able to report the network status information of the communications network to the data source and no intermediate node is able to report network status information to the data source. The object of the invention is still further attained by a data source and data sink adapted to be used in the method and network described above.

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Page 2, paragraph beginning at line 25, please delete this paragraph

Page 3, paragraph beginning at line 3, please amend to read as follows:

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According to a further characteristic feature of the invention, the network status is a capacity of a link between a network termination and a line termination in the access network of the communications network.

Q6  
Page 3, paragraph beginning at line 20, please delete this paragraph.

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Page 4, after line 4, insert the heading ~~Brief Description of the Drawings--~~.

Q7  
after line 10, insert the heading ~~Detailed Description of the Invention--~~.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amended claims: